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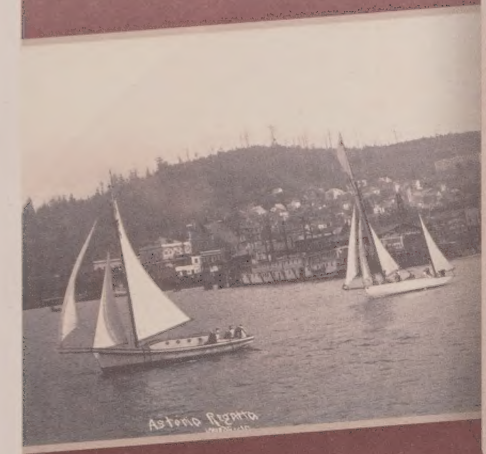

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2011 Astoria Regatta Schedule

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Kiwanis Junior Parade, US Bank parking lot

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Noon - 2 p.m. Court/Sponsors' Luncheon, Columbia River Maritime Museum Plaza

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Regatta Queen's Coronation, Liberty Theater Auditorium

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Queen & Court Reception, Liberty Theater, McTavish Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Memorial ceremony, Maritime Memorial Park

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Gathering of the Admirals, Red Building, The Loft. Reservations required (503) 325-0590

3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Royal Rosarian Rose Planting/Knighting Ceremony, Flavel House lawn

5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Regatta Softball Tournament, various softball fields

5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cutter Ketch Classic Sail, Columbia River - Up river from the Astoria Bridge

7 p.m. - 2 a.m. Pirates Den Opens, Astoria Moose Lodge

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Breakfast Buffet, Astoria Moose Lodge

9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Regatta Softball Tournament, various softball fields

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lower Columbia Car Show, 12th & Duane Streets

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lawn Games, Flavel House

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. K-9 Agility & Obedience Exhibition, Courthouse parking lot

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bounce House / Climbing Wall, Astoria Aquatic Center

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Regatta Swim, Astoria Aquatic Center

Noon - 2 p.m. Lektro Grand Land Parade, downtown

Noon - 7 p.m. Yacht Club Sail Boat Races, Columbia River

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Salmon Barbeque, Moose Block

2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Bagpipe band, Moose Block

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Jet Ski Races, East End Mooring Basin

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Get A Life Band, Moose Block

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Car Show Winners Announcement, 12th & Duane Streets

5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Astoria Art & Beer Walk, downtown

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Rock & Bowl, Lower Columbia Bowl

6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Mayor's Ball, Portland Spirit. Reservations required (503) 325-5889

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Search & Rescue Demonstration, 17th Street Dock

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Englund Marine Twilight Boat Parade, Columbia River waterfront

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. "Shanghaied in Astoria", Astor Street Opry

7 p.m. - 2 a.m. Pirates Den, Astoria Moose Lodge

8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Fleet Beat (Live KMUN DJs), Astoria Event Center

9 p.m. - Midnight Cosmic Bowl, Lower Columbia Bowl

9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Fireworks display, waterfront

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Regatta Softball Tournament, various softball fields

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Astoria Yacht Club Pancake Breakfast, Pier One

10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Astoria Sunday Market, 12th Street

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ducky Derby, West End Mooring Basin

Noon - 3 p.m. Yacht Club Sail Boat Races, Columbia River

1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Reba McEntire / Phil Vassar / Oregon Army National Guard Concert, Camp Rilea

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Court/Sponsors Luncheon

When: Noon, Thursday, August 11
Where: Columbia River Maritime Museum Plaza
What: $20 with Regatta button (available at Sundial Travel for $10) or $25 at venue

You are cordially invited to attend this upscale luncheon where the 2011 Regatta Association honors this year's court, its three admirals and the many sponsors who have made the Regatta Festival possible. The Anchor Club will serve as an Honor Guard for the 2010 Regatta Queen, Rachel Tedei, and 2011 Princesses Rebecca Alfaro, Meg Dowaliby, Jessica Helligso and Bethany Workman.

"The driving, number-one goal that we focus on, that goes above and beyond anything else, is getting our court members their scholarship money," said luncheon organizer Bruce Connor, co-owner of Sundial Travel & Cruise Center and director of marketing for the Port of Astoria.

Here is your chance to mingle with sponsors, previous court members and other dignitaries. Be sure to wear your straw hat and have your sunglasses ready for this sunny affair next to the Columbia River.

Call (503) 325-4484 for reservations. Pre-purchase your luncheon ticket at Sundial Travel Services: 750 Marine Drive, Astoria.

Coronation / Queen and Court Reception

When: 7 p.m., Thursday, August 11
Where: Liberty Theater
What: Regatta button required for admission

The crowning moment of this year's Regatta court will come to pass in an elegant venue befitting our Regatta royalty. The four princesses will deliver their final speeches following on the distinguished heels of a "History of Astoria" presentation celebrating the city's 200th birthday. Former Astorian Sharon Leigh Thornberg will return to the stage as emcee of the coronation. Following the crowning of the 2011 Queen, a reception will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the McTavish Room where refreshments will be served. Entertainment will be provided by Miss Oregon, Caroline McGowan, pianist Summer Long and a musical double-act by Benjamin and Grace Johansson. Seating capacity is more than 600 and members of the public with a Regatta button may attend. Don't miss your chance to mingle with Regatta royalty!

Memorial Ceremony

When: 11 a.m., Friday, August 12
Where: Maritime Park under the Astoria Bridge
What: Open to public

This impressive military-style ceremony honors the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and Columbia River Bar Pilots. Near the newly dedicated Shively Fountain, representatives of the three organizations place wreaths at the edge of the Columbia River to commend the people involved in the maritime industry and to remember the lives sacrificed in its service.

"It's a very moving ceremony," said event organizer Eileen Thompson. "We would like to have as many people come as possible to honor the men and women who are helping to keep our country safe."

Royal Rosarian Rose Planting / Knighting Ceremony

When: 3 p.m., Friday, August 12
Where: Flavel House Museum grounds
What: Open to public

Royalty, roses, music, dancers and Portland's Royal Rosarians unite at the Flavel House Museum grounds for this crowd-pleasing event. Local singer ChrisLynn Taylor will sing the American, Canadian, British and German national anthems. Regatta Admirals Lord John Jacob Astor VIII, Burgermeisterin Christiane Staab and Martin Nygaard will receive honorary knighthoods and plant roses with royal shovels and royal water provided by the Portland Rose Society. Expect special guest appearances by Regatta Association President Eric Paulson, the Regatta Court, Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen, Astoria Bicentennial Director Paulette McCoy and the city's new captain of the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, Bruce Jones and Miss Oregon, Caroline McGowan.

Seating will be available on the lawn and refreshments will be provided by the Clatsop County Historical Society.

Lower Columbia Car Show

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, August 13
Where: 12th and Duane Street
What: $15 registration fee

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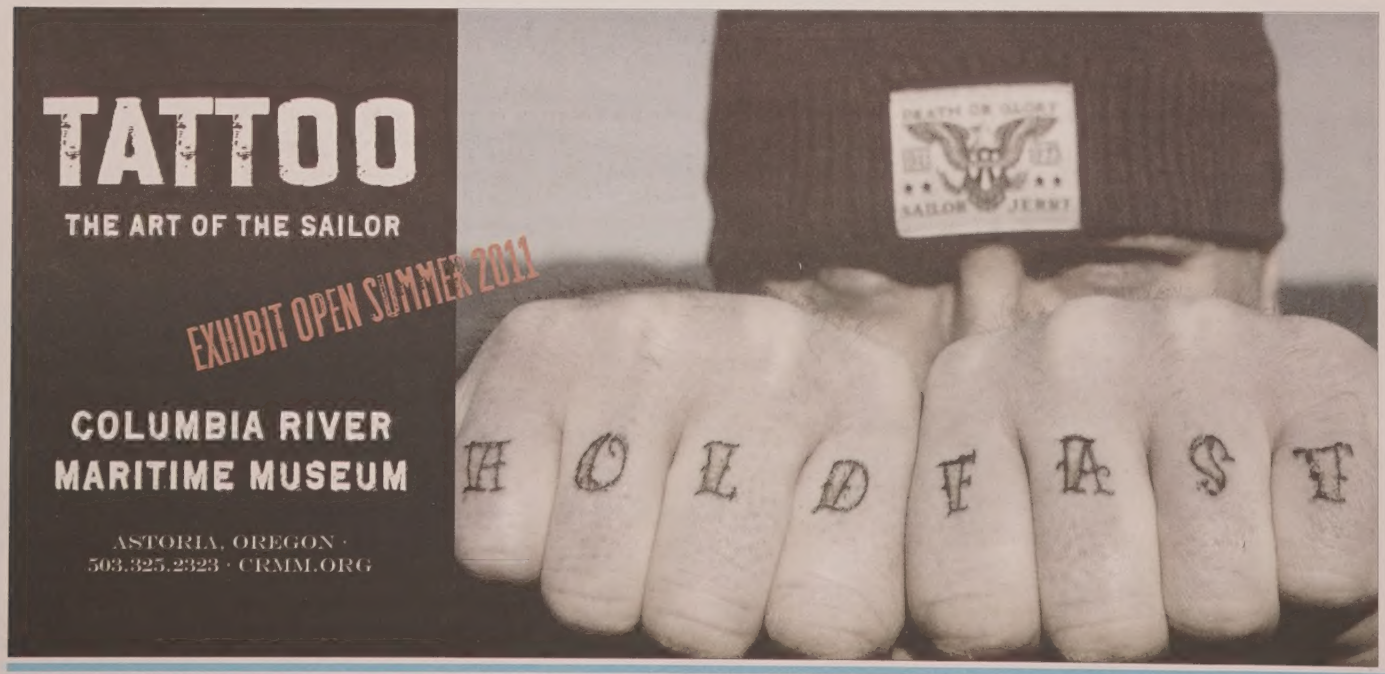

the North Coast: the Grand Land Parade route. You will have the opportunity to show off your special wheels, chat with other gearheads, car-talk with experts and win one of two dozen trophies. A special breakfast and dinner is planned for participants, and there will be a poker-walk for participants in various downtown businesses. Plus, there will be a DJ, some goodie bags and plenty of time to share your stories about road trips taken and restorations in progress.

"There's anywhere from 80 to 130 cars on display," said Fred Mestrich, co-owner of Clatsop Power Equipment. "People interested in classics or street rods, old cars or new cars are invited to join the fun!"

Entries are limited to the first 100 cars, so pre-registration is strongly recommended. Mail your entry to Astoria Regatta Cruise-In, c/o Lower Columbia Classics Car Club, P.O. Box 1259, Astoria, OR 97103. For information, call (503) 325-0792 or (503) 325-0341. Entry forms are available online at http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/lccc/

Family Fun

When: Saturday
Where: See below
What: Open to public

For family fun events, you can't go wrong with the Fun Zone at the Aquatic Center, where bounce houses, a bungee cord, a climbing rock wall and pedal carts await you from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a magician from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors selling kettle korn, cotton candy, ice cream and hot dogs will be standing by, and recreational swimming will be held indoors.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the County Courthouse parking lot, a specialist in K-9 agility and obedience will showcase dogs trained to gambol through obstacle courses.

Also from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Clatsop County Historical Society will hold a "low-key" version of the old-fashioned fun 'n' games they ordinarily hold in September at the Flavel House, including lawn sports such as croquet and badminton. Hoop 'n' stick, stilts, graces and other wooden toys that were in vogue circa 1890 will also be on offer.

At the Tapiola Skatepark, a free-styling skateboard tournament will be set up by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department starting at 2 p.m. Prizes will be given to the competitors who earn the highest scores in their age group.

These activities are open to the public, compliments of the Astoria Regatta Association.

Waterfront Fireworks

When: 9:30 p.m., Saturday, August 13
Where: East End Mooring Basin
What: Open to public

Presented by Western Display Fireworks, this colorful and explosive 20-minute pyrotechnic production can best be viewed from the Columbia River Maritime Museum along the River Walk to the East End Mooring Basin. However...

"You can view the fireworks from just about anywhere in Astoria," said event coordinator Martin Bue.

Reba McEntire / Phil Vassar Concert

When: 1 p.m. , Sunday, August 14 (gates open at 10 a.m.)
Where: Camp Rilea, Warrenton
What: Tickets available at venue, but pre-purchasing is strongly suggested

No singer is more "Americana" than country singer Reba McEntire, the best-selling female country artist of all time.

"When you think about having an event such as ours in an iconic American city, who better than to have an iconic American singer?" said Paul Mitchell, treasurer of the Astoria Regatta Concert Association and concert co-producer.

Country rocker and Astoria favorite Phil Vassar will open the show after a kickoff performance by the Oregon Army National Guard Band.

Today, country is the most popular music in the nation and the fastest growing genre in the world, with five times as many radio stations in the U.S. as any other genre, Mitchell said. You won't want to miss Reba and Phil's performance Sunday afternoon when they deliver the grand finale of the 2011 Astoria Regatta Festival.

Purchase tickets at www.ticketswest.com or at the Liberty Theater box office. For more information, visit www.astoriaregattaconcert.com

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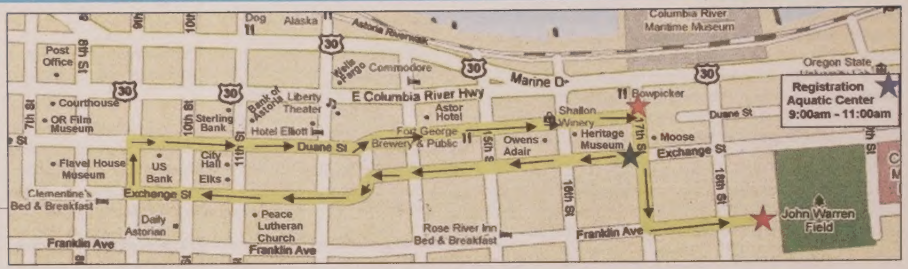

Lektro Grand Land Parade

Alert! Alert! There is a change in this year's Lektro Grand Land Parade route!

The parade will begin at noon Saturday, August 13, at 16th and Exchange streets, travel west on Exchange to Ninth Street, then turn north on Ninth to Duane Street. It will head east on Duane to 16th, where the parade will disband near John Warren Field.

Pick up a Regatta Brochure that shows the new route, secure your viewing spot and enjoy the parade coming and going. Stay in downtown Astoria following the parade and merchants will have surprises and great deals if you're wearing a 2011 Regatta button. Come see the Regatta Court with the newly crowned queen and the award-winning Astoria Regatta float!

Kiwanis Junior Parade

Beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, this no-motorized parade will form in the parking lot near Exchange Street between Ninth and 10th streets behind US Bank in Astoria. It will move north on Ninth Street, head east on Commercial street toward 12th Street, turn south on 12th toward Duane Street, then turn west on Duane back toward Ninth, making a complete loop.

All kids are welcome to enter as walkers in costume, or decorate their tricycle, bicycle, wagon or float and come prepared to parade through the streets of Astoria. The Kiwanis always offer treats at the end. Winners in the sweepstakes categories will be invited to participate in the Lektro Grand Land Parade at noon on Saturday. Sponsored by the Astoria Kiwanis Club, the parade theme this year is "Happy 200th Birthday, Astoria!"

Englund Marine Twilight Boat Parade

Decorate your new or classic vessel and join this floating parade on the Columbia River for a cruise along the waterfront of Astoria at 7 p.m Saturday, August 13. The Regatta Court will judge the prize-winning boats. The parade features boats from Astoria to Portland, begins at the West End Mooring Basin and sails from Pier Three to the Columbia River Maritime Museum. All sizes encouraged.

There are excellent viewing sites along the waterfront, so be sure to make reservations at restaurants such as Cecil's Trolley Stop, Ship Inn and Rogue Ales Public House.

Applications are available from Englund Marine in Astoria and must be submitted to Englund Marine by August 8 or sent to Al Olson, 416 Chinook Ave., Astoria, OR 97103. Contact Olson with questions at (503) 325-0642.

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Princess Bethany Workman

Princess Bethany Workman, 17, is a rising senior attending Warrenton High School where she is a member of the student council, participates in track and is on the honor roll.

The daughter of Mathew and Tessy Workman, Bethany is a People to People Ambassador and has represented the State of Oregon overseas in Europe.

She has helped local police departments with activities that include National Night Out, being involved with various parades and collecting donations for the Special Olympics. She has also worked on the food drive for the local food bank.

She was once an altar server for St. Mary's Catholic Church in Vernonia.

Workman is now employed as a courtesy clerk for Fred Meyer in Warrenton and as a sales associate for Zumiez in Seaside.

Of all the Regatta festivities, she is most looking forward to the Regatta Court's "time to shine" in the Lektro Grand Land Parade.

Workman can boast of having flown a Cessna, and, appropriately, her career goal is to be a commercial airline pilot.

Astoria Regatta 2011

Princess Jessica Helligso

Princess Jessica Helligso, 17, is a rising senior who will attend Astoria High School this fall.

A life-long Astoria resident, Jessica said that her Regatta experience has made her more comfortable being around new groups of people.

By speaking at Rotary Club events and otherwise moving through the Astoria "establishment," she has had the chance to encounter her community "in a way I have never experienced before."

The daughter of Shawn and Miranda Helligso, Jessica is a member of Business Leaders of Tomorrow, the chairman of the Business Person of the Month Award and a member of the National Honor Society. She has been on the Astoria High School dance team for three years, lettering as a freshman and serving as captain this year.

Helligso has also been involved with the Little Ballet Theatre Company through Maddox Dance Studio for six years and is now a senior member of the group. She has performed in "The Nutcracker" for eight years and has twice been part of the group that danced during the Regatta Rose Ceremony in August.

She works at the Sunday Market and is now employed with RE/MAX River & Sea in Astoria.

Helligso aspires to be an elementary school teacher because she enjoys spending time with children.

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Princess Meg Dowaliby

Regatta royalty is in Princess Meg Dowaliby's blood. Her great-great-grandmother, Louise Tallant, was crowned Regatta Queen in 1900, and Tallant's sister, Harriet, became Regatta Queen seven years later.

The daughter of Todd and Dixie Dowaliby, Meg is a rising senior at Warrenton High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the student council and Future Educators of America. She participates in varsity cross-country and was chosen most inspirational team member last season.

Dowaliby is a member of the Warrenton choir and is an honor choir representative. She is the first choir student at Warrenton High School ever chosen to represent WHS for the Oregon Ambassadors of Music European Tour.

She promotes responsibility on New Year's Eve through bottle tagging and has been part of a task force against bullies. She has also assisted with activities at the Astoria Regatta Association's Regatta Square and served at the Warrenton Hall of Fame dinner fundraiser.

Dowaliby has sung in her church's choir, participated in making and delivering Thanksgiving baskets for families in need and has been a teacher's assistant for the Warrenton First Baptist Vacation Bible School and Warrenton Grade School.

On the side, Dowaliby models for Muse Models of Portland, dog sits and babysits.

She plans to attend Parsons The New School for Design in New York City and would like to cultivate a career in fashion design, photography and journalism.

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Queen Rachel Tadei

2010 Queen Rachel Tadei, 18, has thoroughly enjoyed her two years with the Astoria Regatta. Passing her crown to the next Regatta Queen will be a bittersweet experience for her.

"The coronation will be kind of sad because everyone with the Regatta's been super nice, but it'll be fun to crown a new queen," she said. "My year as queen has been busy for sure, but it's been a lot of fun."

Tadei, daughter of Joe and Heather Tadei, considers it a blessing to have represented her community in such a positive way. She recently graduated from Knappa High School, where she participated in four years of varsity basketball and volleyball.

She currently works at Dairy Queen in Warrenton and occasionally babysits. When she is not working or doing Regatta activities, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Tadei plans to attend Linfield College and complete the nursing program. She hopes to become a successful maternity nurse.

"I love kids and babies," she said.

She's grateful to everyone associated with the Regatta for their kindness.

"I've had an amazing experience, and I wish the girls the best," she added.

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Princess Rebecca Alfaro

Princess Rebecca Alfaro, 16, has relished the opportunity to become close friends with the Regatta court members and to learn so much about the town she's lived in her entire life.

Her tenure on the court has made her a more "open" human being and more confident meeting new people, she said.

"Being a Regatta princess has been even better than I thought it would be!," she exclaimed.

The daughter of Greg and Joni Alfaro, Rebecca is a rising senior at Astoria High School. She is a member of the girls' soccer team and the swim team.

Alfaro was chosen for All-League and All-State in swimming. She is also vice-president of the Spanish Club, a member of Key Club, Business Leaders of Tomorrow and the National Honor Society.

In her spare time, Rebecca volunteers with Soup-er Bowl canned food drive, Youth Group Food Bank Christmas Baskets and the Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat canned food drive. She has also been a Camp Believe girls' soccer leader and has been involved in a "Coffee Club" church group, serving as Vacation Bible School leader.

She is currently employed as a lifeguard for the Astoria Aquatic Center.

Alfaro wants to be a nurse who specializes in oncology.

"I want to save lives," she said.

Coronation / Queen and Court Reception

7 p.m., Thursday, August 11 • Liberty Theater

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Admiral John Jacob Astor VIII

John Jacob Astor VIII's first visit to Astoria was during the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1961. He was 14, and he traveled here from Britain with his parents, Gavin Astor, 2nd Baron Astor of Hever, Lady Irene and his grandfather, John Jacob Astor, 1st Baron Astor of Hever.

This summer, Astor VIII—aka Lord Astor of Hever—will once again grace the city founded by his fur-trading forebear in 1811. He will be accompanied by his wife, Lady Elizabeth Astor, his daughter, Olivia, and his son, Charles.

Lord Astor was born in 1946 and educated at Eton.

He is currently Under-Secretary of State and the Parliamentary Spokesman on Defense.

"Lord and Lady Astor of Hever are very excited about their upcoming trip to Astoria, to honor its 200th anniversary and the Astor family heritage," a spokesman said.

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Admiral Christiane Staab

"It's an honor to be part of this great event," said Bürgermeisterin Christiane Staab.

In March 2011, Staab became mayor of Walldorf, Astoria's German sister city and the birth city of Astoria's founder, John Jacob Astor. As mayor her emphasis is on the advancement of families, public participation, youth and senior work, and the promotion of economic development.

Staab studied law at the University of Mannheim.

She will be arriving in Astoria leading a contingent of 20 representatives from the city of Walldorf.

"I know how important the Astoria Regatta is, especially in the context of the Bicentennial festivities," she said. "And to take part in this giant event in the rank of an honorary Admiral will be unique for me."

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Admiral Martin Nygaard

A native of Astoria, Martin Nygaard has long been a ground-level spectator of the Astoria Regatta.

No longer. This year, Nygaard, president of Warrenton Fiber Company, gets to be a full-blown Regatta Admiral. He will sit beside Lord John Jacob Astor VIII and Bürgermeisterin Christiane Staab and feel like royalty.

What's more, his son David will be escorting him through the festivities as his Aide, which "feels very nice," Martin said.

Martin graduated from Astoria High School in 1947 and, 10 years later, graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Forest Engineering.

After a six-year stint in the military, Martin started his own business, Nygaard Logging, in 1958.

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Admiral's Aide Jeffrey Leinassar

As the Admiral's Aide for Lord John Jacob Astor VIII, Jeffrey Leinassar's main duties involve making sure that Lord Astor and his family will be on cue for the many Regatta events and receive a warm welcome here in Astoria.

"The whole thing is going to be a fabulous event for our city," Leinassar said.

Jeffrey Leinassar, DMD, was born in St. Paul, Minn., and has lived in Astoria since the age of 1. A graduate of Astoria High School, Leinassar attended Oregon State University, earning both a bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in 1971.

A childhood dental accident triggered an interest in dentistry, which resulted in acceptance to OHSU School of Dentistry and a dental degree in 1975.

He is proud to be the official dentist of the Miss Oregon Pageant.

Astoria Regatta 2011

Admiral's Aide Kevin LaCoste

While Walldorf Bürgermeisterin Christiane Staab revels in all things Regatta, Kevin LaCoste's job is to answer her questions about the community and to ensure that she's getting to events on time.

"It's like I'm the all-knowing butler for the Bürgermeisterin," LaCoste joked.

The current regional president for US Bank's Columbia Pacific Region, LaCoste has lived in Gearhart with his family and worked in Astoria since 2001.

More than anything else, LaCoste loves meeting new people, so he will be right in his element when the Regatta rolls around. He's most looking forward to spending time with the Bürgermeisterin and sharing knowledge and stories about their respective corners of the world.

"It's always the people I get to know that crank me up for events like these," he reflected.

Astoria Regatta 2011

Admiral's Aide David Nygaard

"Eric Paulson asked me to be an Admiral's Aide for my father, and I just couldn't get out of it," laughed David Nygaard, co-owner of Warrenton Fiber Company.

Nygaard has been a director in the Oregon Logging Conference since 1993, and has served on several local and regional boards. He is currently serving on the US Bank Advisory Board and Andrew's Fund.

Born in Astoria in 1953, Nygaard graduated from Astoria High School in 1971 and went on to attend Linfield College.

David has commercial fished in Bristol Bay since 1976 and has always enjoyed coming home to Astoria in time for the Regatta.

"It is my great honor to be included in Astoria's 2011 Regatta as an Admiral's Aide for my father," Nygaard said. "I get to be his 'gopher.'"

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Astoria Regatta 2011

President
Eric Paulson

Eric Paulson's single-minded task as this year's President of the Astoria Regatta Association is to produce a Regatta festival "commensurate to a Bicentennial celebration."

Paulson was born in 1962 and raised in Astoria, graduating from AHS in 1980 with honors. Paulson went on to study economics and political science at Willamette University in Salem, OR, with the intention of becoming an attorney.

After two years, Paulson left college and returned to Astoria to assist in running the family business, Lektro, Inc.

In 1985, at the age of 23, Paulson was named president and CEO of Lektro, one of the youngest corporate presidents in Oregon's history. In 1988, he purchased Lektro from his parents.

Under Paulson's management, Lektro has become the world leader in the field of all-electric towbarless aircraft tractors. In 1997, Eric was named Oregon's Small Business Person of the Year, and in 1999, Lektro was named Oregon's Exporter of the Year.

Astoria Regatta 2011

Grand Marshal
Astoria High School 4A Boys Championship Baseball Team

This year's Grand Marshal for the Astoria Regatta Festival is none other than the Astoria High School 2011 4A State Champion Baseball Team, which holds the record for winning the most state championships of any high school baseball team in Oregon's history.

The team's latest victory took place June 3 at Volcano Stadium in Keizer.

"I'm so proud of my kids," said Coach Brian Babbitt. "The fact that we won the state championship is a pretty big deal for the community."

Babbitt will be with his team as they proceed front-and-center down the parade route, trophy in hand, in the Lektro Grand Land Parade Saturday, August 13.

"It's a great honor," said Howard Rub, Astoria High School athletic director. "With the success our baseball program has had over the last six years, some people think we've started to take it for granted, but our representation in Regatta is our way of showing that we're doing no such thing."

Rub added that the high school's sports programs are successful because of their community support.

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Sail on Regatta

In lieu of Regatta Square this year is the newly created "Sail on Regatta," which takes place August 8 through 14 and is presented by the Astoria Downtown Historic Development Association.

"We really wanted to get the downtown area on board with the Regatta," said event fundraiser Mike Sorkki. "The idea is to help out all the downtown businesses and give some good specials to the people of the community."

Regatta buttons will function as a kind of currency throughout the Regatta. Wear a button in the sponsoring businesses during the promotional period and receive the listed discount. All people wearing a Regatta button are eligible to enter a drawing for a 43" Samsung flat-screen TV, donated by Sears, and a Michael Foster painting. There will be ballots and ballot boxes in participating stores. Regatta buttons are for sale at local businesses and banks for $10.

Money from the buttons keeps the Astoria Regatta Festival alive and well year upon year.

"Regatta buttons are the lifeblood of the Regatta itself," Sorkki said.

Astoria Regatta 2011

Official Naval Vessel USS Sampson

This year's official naval vessel for the Astoria Regatta will be the USS Sampson (DDG 102). This naval destroyer is part of Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, home-ported in San Diego, Calif. During Regatta festivities, it will be docked at the Port of Astoria and will not be open to public tours.

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Astoria Regatta 2011
Entertainment

2011 Miss Oregon Caroline McGowan

The newly crowned Miss Oregon 2011, Caroline McGowan, will be singing at the Coronation (7 p.m., Thursday, August 11 - Liberty Theater) and the Royal Rosarian Rose Planting / Knighting Ceremony (3 p.m., Friday, August 12 - Flavel House).

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